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SUBJECT: CORRECTION OF INACCURATE PRESS REPORT RE
UNILATERAL ACTIONS

1. RECENT FBIS ITEM DATELINED PRELA, BUENOS AIRES, STATED THAT A PANAMANIAN OFFICIAL HAD MADE IT KNOWN THAT DURING RECENT US-PANAMANIAN TREATY DISCUSSIONS, PANAMANIAN HAD ACCESS TO AN ALLEGED STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENT OUTLINING UNILATERAL ACTIONS RELATING THE CANAL ZONE WHICH THE US HAD UNDER CONSIDERATION.

2. THE DEPARTMENT HAS HAD A NUMBER OF INQUIRIES FROM OTHER INTERESTED US GOVERNMENT OFFICES WITH REGARD TO THIS STORY, WHICH HAVE BEEN ANSWERED AS FOLLOWS:

3. NO STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENT OUTLINING UNILATERAL ACTIONS WAS SHOWN TO OR DISCUSSED WITH PANAMANIAN
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AUTHORITIES DURING RECENT TREATY TALKS OR, INDEED, AT ANY

TIME. HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR BUNKER WAS HANDED A PERSONAL "AIDE MEMOIRE" FROM FOREIGN MINISTER TACK WHICH MENTIONED PANAMANIAN GRIEVANCES AND SUGGESTED THAT UNILATERAL ACTIONS ON THE PART OF THE US WOULD IMPROVE THE CLIMATE FOR TREATY TALKS. THAT DOCUMENT CONTAINED A LIST OF SUGGESTED UNILATERAL ACTIONS WHICH RESEMBLE THE ACTIONS LISTED IN THE PRELA STORY -- AND WHICH ARE FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES IDENTICAL TO THE "SHOPPING LISTS" THE PANAMANIAN HAVE DELIVERED TO THIS GOVERNMENT ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS. THE TREATY TALKS HAVE DEVELOPED IN SUCH A WAY THAT TACK'S DOCUMENT HAS NOT BECOME THE SUBJECT OF ANY DISCUSSION WHATEVER. NO US RESPONSE TO THE DOCUMENT IS REQUIRED, AND NONE IS PLANNED. KISSINGER

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